

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1, 2, 4, 9, and 18, which are replaced with replacement sheets FIGS. 1, 2, 4, 9, and 18, as described and listed below. The replacement sheets include no new matter.

Description of Changes to the Drawings:

FIG. 1 has been corrected by removing an unnecessary lead line and reference numeral **136**. The remaining lead line and reference numeral **136** more accurately points to the substantially planar opposing side **136**.

FIG. 2 has been corrected by changing the reference numeral **280** to **288** to more accurately reflect the arcuate base **288**, as shown in FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 has been corrected by having the lead line associated with the reference numeral **144** more accurately point to the threaded hole **144**.

FIGS. 9 and 18 have been corrected by removing the lead lines and reference numerals **184** for the longitudinal retention guide **184**, which is shown more accurately in FIG. 8.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-50 remain in this application.

Applicant has checked the Specification for possible minor errors, and has made typographical corrections to the Specification, as follows:

in the paragraph on 28, beginning at line 4 and in the paragraph on page 29, beginning at line 6:

“The astragal 30 also has” has been changed to “The astragal 30 may also have or be used with”;

in the paragraph on page 29, beginning at line 6:

“The astragal 30 has” has been changed to “The astragal 30 may have or be used with”;

in the paragraph on page 33, beginning at line 20:

“has a smaller diameter than the diameter than that of the lower portion 210 and the upper portion 214” has been changed to “has a smaller diameter than the diameter of either the lower portion 210 or the upper portion 214.”.

The typographical corrections include no new subject matter.

Applicant has checked the Drawings for possible minor errors, and has made typographical corrections to the Drawings. The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1, 2, 4, 9, and 18, which have been replaced with replacement sheets to

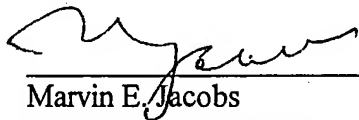
FIGS. 1, 2, 4, 9, and 18. The drawings have been changed for accuracy and to reflect consistency among the drawings. The drawings include no new matter.

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in better condition for examination.

No new matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment.

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the foregoing second preliminary amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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